



# UB Highlights

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News & Events for July 2011

## IDEAL Info Sessions

**Wednesday, July 13, 6-7 p.m.**

Information will be offered on UB's popular adult degree-completion program at the Bridgeport (Wahlstrom Library, first floor, Discovery Pavilion), Waterbury (84 Progress Lane), and Stamford (5 Riverbend Drive) campuses. To register, or for more information, visit [www.bridgeport.edu/ideal](http://www.bridgeport.edu/ideal), or for Bridgeport and Stamford, call 203-576-4800, for Waterbury, call 203-597-9036.



## STAR Program

**Saturday, July 16, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

The Summer Transition Advisement and Registration Program is being offered to new students, who will meet with advisors, register for classes early, finalize financial aid, and get acquainted with future friends and classmates. Register at <http://www.ubstar.org> or call 1-800-392-3582.



## Graduate Info Session

**Thursday, July 28, 6-7:30 p.m.**

Prospective students are invited to the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library for presentations on the following programs being offered on the Bridgeport campus: Education, Counseling, Engineering, Global Development and Peace, and MBA. To register, visit <https://www.formstack.com/forms/UB-GradInfoSess>.

## New Summer Programs

**Summer Abroad Program for International Undergraduate Engineering, Technology, and/or Science Students. PDEN-01**

**Summer Abroad Program for International Undergraduate Management and Business Students. PDMG-01**

Both 3-week non-credit sessions will be held from July 18 through August 4 and offer international students a variety of cultural activities, visits to historical sites, English language practice, and preparation for their specific graduate programs in the U.S. For more information, contact Prof. Gad Selig, [gadselig@bridgeport.edu](mailto:gadselig@bridgeport.edu). Interested students may register through a visit to <http://www.bridgeport.edu/academics/continuingeducation/profdevelopment>.



**Shintaro Akatsu School of Design Program for High School Students.** Allowing aspiring design students to explore the fields of graphic, interior, and industrial design, as well as animation, the July 11-22 session will feature team-based design exercises and supervised social and athletic activities from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. A limited number of scholarships are available. For more information, please visit <http://www.bridgeport.edu/sasd>.

## Good News

Following a \$100,000 grant in 2008, the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism has awarded a \$200,000 Historic Restoration Fund Grant to UB for the continuing stabilization and restoration of Cortright Hall, the former Lavinia L. Parmly House. Built in 1890, the building is part of the Marina Park Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was donated to UB in 1950, renamed Cortright Hall, in honor of one of the University's founders, and currently is the location of the Department of University Relations.

## You might have missed . . .

**May 6:** UB's English Language Institute graduated 26 students, all of whom will continue their study at UB in the summer or fall. The group includes the first two students in the Iraq Education Initiative scholarship program.

**May 20:** Room 111 in Eleanor Dana Hall was dedicated to Robert J. Crayhon, one of the founders of Designs for Health, pioneers in integrative nutraceuticals. Designs for Health generously donated funds for the renovation and updating needed to make Room 111 a SMART classroom with cutting-edge technology.

## SASD News

UB's Shintaro Akatsu School of Design will offer a Master's degree in Professional Studies (MPS) in Design Management, starting in the Fall 2011 semester. The announcement was made May 18 following news that the program had been approved by the Connecticut Department of Higher Education.

Training project managers to oversee creative teams in a variety of design industries, MPS courses will be taught by professors from SASD and UB's School of Business. The MPS degree is increasingly sought and is offered at only two other schools in the Northeast.

SASD has recently added to its design curriculum by offerings in high-end glassware and ceramics, (known as tabletop design), and a sound track course to teach students how to put music to images in all kinds of media. A new video- and photography-production studio, Mac Pro computer lab, and furniture and exhibition display workshop have been added recently to SASD facilities.



SASD Interior Design students **Elizabeth Kohler**, **Carla Chavez**, and **Gladys Erazzo** are attending Hospitality Design studios at ISAD, the Institute of Architecture and Design, in Milan (Italy) this summer. Plans were made for the students' international study when Interior Design professor John Kandalaft visited ISAD last year.

## 2011 Commencement

On Saturday, May 7, 1,470 degrees were awarded as graduates marched in the Arena at Harbor Yard wearing new eco-friendly caps and gowns made from recycled plastic bottles.

Marion L. Heard, UB alumna and commencement speaker, received an honorary doctorate. She offered a memorable interactive talk rewarded by a standing ovation at the end – a rare appreciation for commencement speakers. Mrs. Heard is the founding chairman and CEO of the Points of Light Institute, and she called on the graduates to "Do Something!" about the problems in the world. Full of humor and personal advice, her speech, unlike most, will be remembered by the graduates.

On May 22, in the Mertens Theater, graduation ceremonies were held for graduate-degree recipients in Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Dental Hygiene, Naturopathic Medicine and Nutrition.

## UB Contributes

❖ On March 30, the UB community attended a luncheon in the Student Center Social Room to benefit the American Red Cross in its support of the survivors of the Japanese earthquake and tsunami. Buffet food was donated by local restaurants, including Red Apple Chinese, Metric Bar & Grill, Sweet Basil, and Sonobana. About \$4,000 was raised through this event.

❖ On April 15, a three-mile walkathon, attracting more than 100 participants, including Connecticut First Lady Cathy Malloy, was held on behalf of the Center for Women and Families (CFW) of Eastern Fairfield County. The event, organized by UB students in recognition of National Sexual-Assault Awareness Month, raised more than \$1,600 to support the Center's 24-hour bilingual domestic violence and rape hotlines, emergency shelter, community education, victim advocacy, and counseling services. On June 2, Vice-President for University Relations Mary-Jane Foster presented a check to the Center, noting that "UB students each year contribute nearly 50,000 hours of volunteer work, valued at \$1.4 million, in Bridgeport and the surrounding community." In picture below, from left, are Sarah Lubarsky, CFW director of development; Edina Oestreicher, UB assistant dean of students; Debra Greenwood, CEO/president of CFW; Jennifer Turner, Ameircorps VISTA community service outreach coordinator at UB; and Colleen Powers, director of campus activities and community service.



## Athletics News

The University of the District of Columbia Firebirds will join the East Coast Conference beginning in the 2011-12 academic year. Dr. Edward Guliano, Chair of the East Coast Conference Presidents' Council, announced on March 30. UDC's addition marks the first expansion of the East Coast Conference since 2002. The Firebirds will compete in men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross-country, men's soccer, and volleyball.

# UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

## STUDENTS & ALUMNI

### ATHLETICS

**Msoo Ikyaat** has been selected as the East Coast Conference's Men's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year. He is a Computer Applications and Information Systems major at UB with a 3.83 grade point average and led the ECC last season in his field goal percentage on the basketball court.

**Peter Barrows**, senior right fielder, has been named to the 2011 Daktronics First Team All-East Region, Baseball. The team members are chosen by voting among sports information directors at NCAA Div. II institutions in the region.

**Peter Barrows** and **Matt Bartolomei**, junior relief pitcher, were selected for the 2011 Second Team All-East Region by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association. The two men contributed to UB Baseball's best year ever, taking them to a berth in the ECC Baseball Championship Tournament finals, with a school record of 31-14.

### CHIROPRACTIC

**Kristine DeMarco '00** was recently voted Best Female Chiropractor 2011 in the *Fairfield County Weekly*.

## Faculty Research Day Student Awards Poster Competition, February 11, 2011

### Graduate Students

1st Prize: **Eugene Gerety** (Engineering)

2nd Prize: **Ying-ju Chen** (Engineering)

3rd Prize: **Nilima Shroff** (Engineering)

Honorable Mention:

**Ashish Aphale** (Engineering), **Richard Greenwood** (Engineering), **Ismail Ozenc** (Engineering), **Yuan Zhang** (International College)

### Undergraduate Students

1st Prize: **Dugho Jin** (Biology)

Honorable Mention:

**Janneth Alvarez**, **Sandra Granath**, **Lincoln LaGrotteria**, **Weihua Wang**, **Rebecca Ward** (International College), **Grethel Burch**, **Andre McBean** (Biology)

## FACULTY & STAFF

### BUSINESS

**James Sagner**, associate professor of finance, published his 8th book in June: *Handbook of Corporate Lending: Text and Cases*, written with Herbert Jacobs, an instructor in the graduate banking program at NYU. Both authors are former bankers.

### ENGINEERING

**Linfeng Zhang**, assistant professor of electrical engineering, visited Shanghai Dianji University (China), on June 7 and spoke about UB's teaching and research on Smart Grids. He also discussed with professors at the university possible research collaboration and joint grant applications.

## ENGINEERING AWARDS

**Khaled Elleithy**, professor of computer science and engineering and electrical engineering, and associate dean for graduate programs, was awarded a research grant of \$30,000 through a sub-award from the University of Hartford, for work on the Advanced Proto Gun-Launched External Munitions Utilizing Manned/Unmanned Projectile, part of a multi-organizational research project. Dean **Tarek Sobh** will serve as a Co-PI.

**Jani Macari Pallis**, assistant professor of technology management, was awarded \$6,000 by the Connecticut Space Grant Consortium for her project, "Multiphysics Modeling of Gas Tungsten Arc Welding." **Jinling (Joyce) Hu**, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, will be Co-PI.

**Jeongkyu Lee**, assistant professor of computer science and engineering, and graduate student **Omar Abuzaghle** received the prestigious Best Paper Award from the American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE) for their design of a low-cost supercomputer. Prof. Lee will formally present the paper describing the computer and its uses at the annual ASEE conference and awards ceremony on June 27-28. The new supercomputer, named "UB PS3 Cluster," was created using six PlayStation 3 gaming consoles to do parallel processing and high-performance computing, at a cost of no more than \$2,000. The ASEE award praises the new supercomputer because it "enables low-budget programs to offer courses with hands-on experience, . . . a huge plus to the computer science curriculum."

**Did we miss something?** *UB Highlights* is published twice monthly during the academic year and monthly in January, June, and July to inform the University community about UB events and achievements. To comment or to list your event or award, e-mail Rebecca Salonen, UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu, or call x4988.